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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Charles L. A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Joint Application of Timothy P. Oliver and James C. Thigpen for Expedited  
Approval of a Transfer of Assets and Authority of Goat Island Water and Sewer  
Company in Clarendon County  
**Docket No. 2006-50-W/S**

Dear Mr. Terreni,

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the Petition of the Applicants requesting to substitute counsel and to hold this matter in abeyance filed with the South Carolina Public Service Commission yesterday, September 6, 2006.

The ORS does not object to or oppose the Applicant's request to substitute counsel in this matter, nor does the ORS oppose holding this matter in abeyance for an additional period of forty-five (45) days to allow the Applicant's new Counsel sufficient time to prepare testimony and exhibits, as well as to work with this Agency and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to attempt to resolve outstanding issues.

ORS does not, at this time, intend to cancel its pending Data Request. The ORS will revisit this issue at such time as the Applicants provide this office with the responsive data mentioned in their Petition to consider withdrawing or revising the currently pending request.

Should you have any questions regarding the ORS response in this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

Yours Truly,

/s/ Jeffrey M. Nelson

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